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## TBI NAMES STATE WINNER IN MISSING CHILDREN POSTER CONTEST

**Nashville, TN-** Today, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation announced the winner of the first-ever statewide Missing Children Poster contest. The winning poster (pictured below) was created by Destiny Carter of Pineview Elementary School in Rockwood, TN.

The U.S. Department of Justice, through its Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Child Protection Division, sponsors this annual contest for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to develop artwork that will represent America's united goal to bring missing children home safely. TBI is the clearinghouse for missing children in the State of Tennessee and held the contest at the state level which focused on the theme: *Bring Our Missing Children Home*.



Each year, more than 1.3 million children are reported missing in the country. Every year the U.S. Department of Justice takes time to commemorate the valiant and unselfish acts of the many organizations and individuals who bring our missing children home. Destiny Carter's artwork will be entered in the national contest on behalf of the state and a national winner chosen. The winning artwork will be displayed at the National Missing Children's Day ceremony, to be held on May 25, 2010. The national winner will win a trip to travel with his/her parents to Washington D.C. to participate in a ceremony.